6th August 1929]

Extension of the Madras Forest Act to estates in this Province.

*12 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and names of estates in each district to which the operation of the Madras Forest Act is extended in this Presidency;

(*b*) the date or dates when each of these estate forests secured the operation of the Act; and

(*c*) whether in each case such operation was applied for by the proprietor or was extended and continued as a result of the administration of the Court of Wards?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The information asked for is appended.[a]

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"Sir, may I know the reason why the extension of the Madras Forest Act to proprietary forests is being effected after the termination of the administration of the Court of Wards of these estates without reference either to the convenience of the ryots or the necessity?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The existing state of affairs was allowed to continue and there was no representation to the contrary."

Honorary Magistrates

Proposed nomination of a lady Honorary Bench Magistrate in Mangalore.

*13 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether recently the Collector of South Kanara made proposals to the Honorary Bench Magistrates of Mangalore to nominate a lady magistrate;

(*b*) whether the Honorary Bench Magistrates agreed to the same and also suggested names and, if so, what they were;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Collector requested Mrs. P. R. R. Punja, a nominated member of the South Kanara District Board, to agree to be nominated as a Bench Magistrate; and

(*d*) whether the lady having declined, the Collector is unwilling to nominate any other lady, and has altogether dropped the proposal to nominate a lady; and if so, why?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have no information.

Mr. K. R. KARANT:—"May I ask, Sir, whether the Government have called for the information and whether they will place it on the table after it is received?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I shall consider the suggestion."

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 101 infra.